



## Pensby High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

This is just a brief note to keep you up to date with regard to Pensby High School becoming a school with Foundation status. As you are aware we ran a series of consultations, and we have had a number of meetings involving Parents & Carers, Staff, Trade Unions and Governors. We have reviewed all correspondence, our rationale behind seeking Foundation status and with all this in mind the Full Governing Body of Pensby High School met for a final discussion and review in November 2018 and the Governors of Pensby High School voted unanimously to move to Foundation status. It is important to remember that Pensby High School remains as a local authority maintained school, with the key difference being that the land and buildings will transfer from the ownership of the local authority, to a charitable trust set up with the explicit purpose of supporting the education of students in our community – that is the biggest change.

Since the decision has been taken, the school has worked to register with the Charity Commission via our solicitors, informed the Department of Education and the Regional Schools Commissioner, the Local Authority and its Officers, met with and appointed initial Trustees for the charitable trust and we are now in the process of working with the local authority to develop a time line for the local authority to pass over its obligations to a new charitable trust.

There will be no changes to any of the existing conditions for students, staff or parents and carers, but it does mean that the Charitable Trust will hold and own the entire school estate for the benefit of the school community.

As we are now working in partnership with other agencies, such as the local authority, it is impossible for the school to determine the date for completion of all aspects of Foundation status, but I would hope that everything will be moved over to the Trust by the end of this academic year.

If you have any questions with regard to the new status, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mary Draper  
Chair of Governors

Kevin Flanagan  
Headteacher